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Don't forget to check-out the new [ACL website](#).

White House Briefing Series on the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and the Affordable Care Act

The [White House Office of National AIDS Policy](#) (ONAP) will host the fourth in a series of regional meetings on the implementation of the [National HIV/AIDS Strategy](#) (NHAS) in Baltimore, Maryland. This series of meetings is designed to promote awareness and understanding of local and state-level efforts as they relate to the implementation of the NHAS and the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

The goal is to engage key stakeholders about ongoing challenges and successes of NHAS/ACA implementation.

Meeting Details

Date: Monday, April 29, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (EDT)

Site: Vollmer Center Auditorium, Clyburn Arboretum, 4915 Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland

This meeting is free and open to the public, but if you wish to attend, you must [RSVP](#). Once you submit your RSVP, you will receive a detailed confirmation letter via e-mail.

If you have questions about registration or other logistics, please contact Marjorie Burdetsky at mab@cmpinc.net.

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Monday, April 29th: New Nomination Deadline for the *Unleash the Power of Age in Your Community Challenge*

Remember that older American who encouraged others to explore a new life experience or inspired them to take the next step in a difficult challenge. Acknowledge that service by nominating him/her for the Administration for Community Living (ACL) [Unleash the Power of Age in Your Community Challenge](#) in celebration of Older Americans Month (OAM).

The challenge invites organizations to recognize older Americans by nominating people 60 or older who are putting their talents and expertise toward inspirational achievements in their communities and beyond. Nominees can be volunteers or paid professionals and can be engaged in a range of activities including civic engagement, creative arts and technology innovation.

You still have time to submit your nomination. The deadline has been extended to next Monday, April 29th at 11:00 p.m. EDT. [Click here](#) to submit your nomination now.

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A Profile of Older Americans: 2012 Is Now Available Online

[A Profile of Older Americans: 2012](#) is now available online. This annual summary has proven to be a very useful statistical summary in a user friendly format.

The Web based publication provides the latest statistics on the older population and covers 14 topical areas including population, income and poverty, living arrangements, education, and health.

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CFPB Report Gives Clarity to Titles of Financial Advisers who Service Older Adults

Last week, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) delivered to Congress and the US Securities and Exchange Commission the report [Senior Designations for Financial Advisers: Reducing Consumer Confusion and Risks](#).

Prepared by the CFPB's Office for Older Americans, the report provides recommendations to help facilitate and improve the ability of older consumers to sort out and assess the numerous and varying "senior designation" titles that financial advisers use to market their services. The report also includes a series of approaches that policymakers and regulators at the federal and state level could consider to address critical consumer protection issues and to help seniors navigate the complex financial marketplace.

In preparing the enclosed report, the CFPB Office for Older Americans heard frequently from industry representatives, state and federal regulators and consumer organizations that older consumers who often have little capacity to absorb and recover from financial losses, can be confused or misled by financial advisers touting senior designations, particularly in the area of financial health of older Americans.

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***PowerUP!* for National Volunteer Week**

National Volunteer Week offers the perfect opportunity for the Aging Network's Volunteer Collaborative, a US Administration on Aging funded national resource center, to announce their new *PowerUP!* Initiative.

PowerUP! provides leaders in the aging and disability networks the strategies and tools they need to enhance their agencies' services by tapping the skills and passion of older adult volunteers. This engagement also supports older adult volunteers to enhance their own skills, health, and lifelong learning.

PowerUP! responds to the resource challenges in the Aging Services Network by bringing together the best learning, accumulated knowledge and successes in volunteer engagement from the Aging Services Network and beyond. The initiative provides researched and proven volunteer engagement resources including templates, tools and training for use by local organizations and programs.

[Click here](#) for more information.

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Job Openings at ACL

Two job announcements from the Administration for Community Living (ACL):

1. Job Announcement Number: HHS-ACL-MP-13-876797

[Supervisory IT Specialist \(Director, Office of Information Resources\)](#)

Application Deadline: Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Location: Washington, DC

2. Job Announcement Number: HHS-ACL-DE-13-876752

[Supervisory IT Specialist \(Director, Office of Information Resources Management\)](#)

Application Deadline: Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Location: Washington, DC

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Funding Opportunities

CNCS Announces AmeriCorps Funding Opportunities for Indian Tribes

The Corporation for National and Community Service ([CNCS](#)) recently announced that Indian Tribes now have the opportunity to apply for funding that would position them to identify ways that AmeriCorps members could help them tackle the unique challenges facing Native American communities.

The AmeriCorps planning grants provide up to \$75,000 for a one-year period to provide support to an Indian Tribe for the development of an AmeriCorps program that will engage AmeriCorps members in order to address pressing community problems. Planning grant recipients are expected to be better prepared to compete for an AmeriCorps program grant in the following grant cycle.

Applications are due on May 30, 2013. [Click here](#) for more information and application guidelines.

Technical Assistance Conference Calls

AmeriCorps State and National is hosting conference calls (approximately 90 minutes in length) for potential grant applicants. Calls will be conducted in a standard format that includes a brief overview and a question and answer

session. The best way to ensure that your question receives a response is to submit it at least 24 hours in advance of the call. Please send your questions to americorpsgrants@cns.gov.

All calls will be recorded. Replay information for each call is listed below. Replays are generally available one hour after a call ends.

Registration:

Click the “register” link associated with the date of the call you would like to attend. This will take you to the registration website. Click on the orange Register tab. A confirmation email, including the call number and access code you need to participate in the conference call, will be sent to you after you have successfully registered.

April 23 2:00 PM EDT

[Register.](#)

Replay end date: April 3, 2013 @ 11:59 p.m. ET

Replay phone: Tfree: 888-568-0717

Passcode: 6155

May 2 2:00 PM EDT

[Register.](#)

Replay end date: May 9, 2013 @ 11:59 p.m. ET

Replay phone: Tfree: 800-678-0740

Passcode: 6163

May 7 2:00 PM EDT

[Register.](#)

Replay end date: May 14, 2013 @ 11:59 p.m. ET

Replay phone: Tfree: 866-388-5329

Passcode: 6171

May 16 2:00 PM EDT

[Register.](#)

Replay end date: May 25, 2013 @ 11:59 p.m. ET

Replay phone: Tfree: 866-505-6451

Passcode: 6134

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This Week's Quick Facts

While the state with the highest proportion of people age 65 and over is Florida at 17.3 percent, the next four states with the highest rankings are West Virginia (16.0 percent), Maine (15.9 percent), Pennsylvania (15.4 percent), and Iowa (14.9 percent).

The proportion of supported employment workers in all day and work programs managed by state I/DD agencies dropped to 21.0% in 2008 and 21.3% in 2009. These rates were the lowest since the 22% rate in 1998 and well below the peak of 24% reached in 2001.

Webinar on *Facebook and Image Sharing for Public Health*

Join the CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN) for the fourth in its free six webinar series titled "In the Know: Social Media for Public Health." Each webinar will focus on a different social media channel and provides basic tips, information and hints for how to use them to meet your needs. The webcasts are live events and will include presentations and an interactive section so you can ask questions and share information.

Facebook and Image Sharing for Public Health will explore how image-based social media channels, including Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, and Flickr, can be used effectively for public health impact.

Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Time: 2:00 p.m. ET

[Register.](#)

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AHRQ Innovations Exchange New Web series

This week, the US Department of Health and Human Services Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Innovations Exchange will launch its new [Web event series](#). The series is designed to share experiences and lessons learned in putting accountable care organization and patient-centered medical home principles into practice.

The first discussion session will be on *Payment Models that Support Medical Home and Accountable Care Organization Principles: Maryland's Experience*.

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2013
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET

[Register](#).

Follow the Innovations Exchange (AHRQIX) on [Twitter](#).

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Webinar on *Technical Assistance: Foundations of Grant Writing*

Interested in learning the basics of federal grants and federal grant writing? Join the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC) on for the Capacity Building Webinar, *Technical Assistance: Foundations of Grant Writing*.

Organizations will learn how to write a strong federal grant proposal during this webinar. The objectives include:

- Identify key steps to apply for federal grants
- Review the critical elements of proposals
- Provide guidance for internal evaluations of proposals

Speakers:

Michelle Loosli, Director, Capacity Building Senior Program Analyst, of the HHS Office of Minority Health Resource Center

Margaret Korto, Capacity Building Senior Program Analyst, of the HHS Office of Minority Health Resource Center

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2013
Time: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. EDT

[Register](#). After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

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Upcoming HHS Partnership Center Health Care Law Webinars

The HHS Partnership Center continues to host a series of webinars for faith and community leaders. All webinars are open to the public and include a question and answer session.

To participate in one of the webinars, please click on the title of the webinar and fill out the registration form. After registering you will receive an e-mail confirmation containing information about joining the webinar.

Contact the HHS Partnership Center at ACA101@hhs.gov if you have problems registering or if you have any questions about the health care law.

[The Health Care Law and Health Disparities](#): April 29, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. ET

The health care law, the Affordable Care Act, includes many provisions that address health disparities. The law also provides many benefits for Latinos, African Americans, Asian and Pacific Islanders and more. Join Acacia Salatti, Acting Director of the HHS Partnership Center, and other health experts in learning more about the Affordable Care Act and health disparities.

[Tour of HealthCare.gov](#): May 2, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. ET

An interactive tour of www.HealthCare.gov, including how to enroll others in health insurance, where to find community health centers that provide care on a sliding scale, how to view the timeline of when the Affordable Care Act is being implemented, and the new Health Insurance Marketplace.

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Upcoming Webinars Sponsored by AARP

AARP will host the following webinars in the coming weeks.

[Click here](#) to learn more about each webinar and to register for one or all of the sessions.

Protect Your Finances: Tips to Avoid Financial Fraud

AARP and North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) will discuss spotting common warning signs of a scam, researching if investment products are right for you, and checking out your financial professional.

Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Time: 2:00 p.m. ET

Thursday, May 2, 2013, 2 p.m. ET

Social Security and Medicare – What Benefits Are Available to You – and When? AARP experts focus on the basics of Social Security and Medicare and answer your questions. Receive helpful resources and tools to use after the webinar.

If you cannot make a webinar on the scheduled day and time, register anyway and you will receive the link to the webinar recording to listen to it later at your convenience.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Rosa Maymi at RMaymi@aarp.org or 202-434-3906.

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Webinar Reminders

History and Highlights: Learn about National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

Learn about how Bebe Moore Campbell, loving mother, National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) member and respected author, inspired this special month to increase public awareness of mental health among minority communities and to increase access to services and support.

This webinar will provide an overview of available resources to help you plan your own event and celebrate the month.

Presenters:

Dr. Linda Wharton Boyd, Special Assistant, DC Department of Health
Elicia Goodsoldier, Member, NAMI Colorado Board of Directors

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. EDT

Webinar Registration

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NCOA Webinar on MIPPA: What We've Learned, and What's Next

The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) of 2008 brought significant changes and opportunities related to Medicare, especially for low-income beneficiaries.

For three years, state aging organizations have used MIPPA funding to increase access to Medicare Part D among rural beneficiaries, help low-income people with Medicare access benefits that make Medicare affordable, and promote Medicare's free preventive and wellness services.

In this webinar, sponsored by the National Council on Aging (NCOA), a number of topics will be examined, including:

- The achievements of MIPPA grantees, including who they've helped, and the return on investment of MIPPA grant dollars.
- Lessons learned about the implementation of MIPPA activities, including the challenges that remain.
- Trends occurring across the states, and how these may influence the future of MIPPA activities.

Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Webinar on PCPID Report and Recommendations for Managed Long-Term Services and Supports

Across the country, states are transforming the way they finance and deliver Medicaid long-term services and supports for individuals with disabilities. Many states are considering Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) programs as a way to improve coordination, promote systems change, and achieve savings. There are potential benefits, but also significant concerns for individuals with ID/DD.

Stakeholder engagement from individuals with disabilities and their families and strong federal oversight are critical as states consider developing and implementing programs. The President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID) convened experts on MLTSS and issued a report with numerous specific recommendations. Sponsored by the Association of University Centers on Disabilities, this webinar will provide an overview of MLTSS, explain key issues for individuals with ID/DD, and highlight recommendations contained in the report.

Presenters:

Joe Caldwell - University of Illinois at Chicago & National Council on Aging
Deborah Spitalnik - PCPID Citizen Member and Director of Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities UCEDD
Elizabeth Weintraub - PCPID Citizen Member and Self-Advocate Specialist at Association of University Centers on Disabilities
Rachel Patterson - Policy Analyst at Association of University Centers on Disabilities

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2013
Time: 02:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EDT

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Webinar on Feel Good Bingo® for Older Adults

Screening for Mental Health® (SMH), a national nonprofit organization, is pleased to announce the opportunity for you to be involved with *Feel Good Bingo®*, a depression education program for older adults. The program kit and webinar training is being made available at no cost.

Feel Good Bingo® helps seniors start the conversation about the signs and symptoms of depression in a comfortable, social environment. Instead of letters and numbers, each player's game card contains various icons depicting common symptoms of depression. The game includes enough materials for 25 participants, including bingo game boards, bingo chips, screening forms, an educational flyer, facilitator cards and an implementation guide.

After the training, you will be able to identify the warning signs and symptoms of depression and suicide as it pertains to a population of older adults. Also, you will be able to successfully implement and facilitate the *Feel Good Bingo®* program.

Webinar Training (Pick One):

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2013
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST

[Register](#)

Tuesday, May 22, 2013
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST

[Register](#)

Space is limited; please sign up early to ensure your first choice training date. You will receive your *Feel Good Bingo®* kit after participating in a training webinar.

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FTC Forum on Senior Identity Theft: A Problem in This Day and Age

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will bring together experts from government, private industry and public interest groups to discuss the unique challenges facing victims of senior identity theft. The forum will include panels on different types of senior identity theft – tax and government benefits,

medical and long-term care. It will also explore the best consumer education and outreach techniques for reaching seniors.

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. EDT

Location: FTC Conference Center, 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Registration and Participation:

Participation in this event is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is not required but it is encouraged. To pre-register, please email your name and affiliation to seniorIDtheft@ftc.gov.

For admittance to the building, all attendees will be required to display a valid form of photo identification, such as a driver's license.

For those who are unable to attend the forum in person, a live webcast will be available on the day of the forum. [Click here](#) on May 7th to link to the webcast.

FTC staff will live-tweet the event: #idtheft [@FTC](#)

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Two-Part Webinar Series on Expanding Oral Health Access for Older Adults

Expanding Oral Health Access for Older Adults is a Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) initiative involving the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, HHS Health Resources Service Administration, and the HHS Office of Women's Health. *Older Adults and Oral Health: Inspiring Community-Based Partnerships for Healthy Mouths* is the topic of the first of two webinars to be sponsored by this initiative.

The goal of this webinar is to describe the oral health status of older adults in the U.S., provide useful resources and highlight two innovative community approaches to improving oral health access for older adults.

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. EST

Moderator:

Sabrina Matoff-Stepp, Ph.D., Director, Office of Women's Health, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Speakers:

- RADM William Bailey, USPHS Chief Dental Officer, and Acting Director, Division of Oral Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- CAPT Angel Rodriguez-Espada, Chief Dental Officer, Bureau of Primary Health Care, HHS Health Resources Service Administration
- Laura Lawrence, Director, Office of Nutrition and Health Promotion Programs, Administration on Aging, Administration for Community Living
- Omar L. Ghoneim, DDS, Corporate Dental Director, Harbor Health Services Inc.
- Donna Bileto, MA, CIRS-A, Community Service Specialist, Northwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging
- Betty Hillier, LNHA, RCAL, CCNC-C, Assistant Administrator, Presence Saint Anne Center
- Cate Osterholz, Assistant Administrator, Presence Cor Mariae Center
- Becky Cook Kendall, Executive Director, Rockford Health Council

To register for the online event:

1. [Click here](#).
2. Click "Register".
3. On the registration form, enter your information and then click "Submit".

Space is limited, so please register as early as possible. POC:

Danielle.Nelson@AoA.hhs.gov

This webinar will be recorded and posted to the [AoA](#) and [HRSA](#) Oral Health web sites soon after the webinar.

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HHS Office of Minority Health Seeking Nomination for the Advisory Committee on Minority Health

The US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee on Minority Health ([ACMH](#)).

The Committee provides advice to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority

Health, on improving the health of each racial and ethnic minority group and on the development of goals and specific program activities of OMH designed to improve the health status and outcomes of racial and ethnic minorities.

Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on May 31, 2013. All nominations should be mailed to:

Ms. Monica Baltimore
Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Minority Health
Office of Minority Health
Department of Health and Human Services
1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 600, Rockville, MD 20852

You can also contact Ms. Baltimore at (240) 453-2882 for further information.

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HIV/AIDS-Related Information and Updates

1. *Health Equity and LGBT Elders of Color*

Report's release coincides with National Minority Health Month, an initiative of the HHS Office of Minority Health.

Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders ([SAGE](#)) last week released *Health Equity and LGBT Elders of Color*, a new policy report that examines health disparities faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) older people of color. The report offers policy solutions in ten areas where health and wellness can be improved for LGBT older people of color.

In addition to policy recommendations, the report includes stories and quotes from experts in the field about the unique health disparities specific LGBT communities of color encounter in their everyday lives as they age.

[Download the report](#) free of charge.

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2. AIDS United Announces \$1 Million Investment in Grants to Help HIV-Positive People Stay in Care

[AIDS United](#), a national organization dedicated to ending the AIDS epidemic in the United States, [recently announced \\$1 million in grants](#) to seven organizations from diverse communities across the US to help define and expand programs that help keep HIV-positive people in care and on treatment. The grants are part of a new \$4 million multi-year Retention in Care Initiative supported by the [MAC AIDS Fund](#).

The Retention in Care Initiative helps advance two pillars of the [National HIV/AIDS Strategy](#): optimizing health outcomes for people living with HIV/AIDS and reducing new [HIV] infections.

[Click here](#) to learn more, including information on the grant awardees.

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Lupus Awareness Month Website Is Now Live

May is Lupus Awareness Month and the [website](#) is now live. At the website, you can download the toolkit that includes:

- Tools for your use to support you in your own awareness efforts.
- Information on activities taking place nationwide throughout the month of May to raise awareness of lupus.
- Ideas of things you can do to get involved.

The Faith-Based Lupus Awareness Weekend is May 18 – 19. [Click here](#) for information on ways you can help your place of worship support this effort.

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NCD Welcomes Rebecca Cokley as Executive Director

Last week, the National Council on Disability ([NCD](#)) welcomed Rebecca Cokley as Executive Director. The appointment marks a return for Cokley, who previously served on NCD's Youth Advisory Commission as Vice Chair.

Recent Reports

[*The Promise of Care Coordination: Transforming Health Care Delivery*](#)

Source: Families USA

Date: April 2013

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April Observances

For the month:

Autism Awareness Month

[HHS Secretary Sebelius Statement on National Autism Awareness Month](#)

Resources: [Autism Now](#); [Autism Speaks](#)

Fair Housing Month

Theme: "Our Work Today Defines Our Tomorrow"

Resource: [HUD Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity](#)

National Financial Literacy Month

Resources: [US Office of the Comptroller of the Currency](#) and [Money Management International](#)

National Minority Health Month

[HHS Secretary Sebelius Statement on National Minority Health Month](#)

Theme: "Advance Health Equity Now: Uniting our Communities to Bring Health Care Coverage to All."

Resource: [HHS Office of Minority Health](#)

For the week:

National Volunteer Week (April 21-28)

Theme: "Celebrate Service"

Resources: [Aging Network Volunteer Collaborative](#); [Points of Light](#)

For the day:

Earth Day (April 22)

Theme: "The Face of Climate Change"

Resource: [Earth Day Network](#)

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